

## Four Ways You Can Participate in the Summer Food Service Program

1. Become a sponsor. Make an investment in the children in your community. If your organization already provides services to the community, and has capable staff and good management practices to run a food service, you can administer the SFSP.
2. Run a site. Some organizations do not have the financial or administrative ability to run the program, but they can supervise a food service for children, along with recreational or enrichment activities, at a site.
3. Volunteer. Even if your organization cannot take on the responsibilities of a sponsor or a site, you can team up with a sponsor to provide arts and crafts, mentoring, dramatics, computers, music, reading, coaching, life skills, entertainment, tutoring, kite flying, athletics, games, gardening, cooking, swimming, or any other activity that makes summer fun!
4. Be a vendor. Organizations with kitchens and food service staff, including schools, commercial companies, or public or nonprofit institutions, can participate in the SFSP as vendors. Instead of administering or supervising a meal service site, a vendor sells prepared meals under an agreement or a contract with an approved SFSP sponsor.

## Interest Assessment

If you are interested in receiving more information about the Summer Food Service Program for Children, complete the survey below and return to the address listed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information on:

- ☐ Becoming a sponsor
- ☐ Starting or suggesting a site
- ☐ Becoming a vendor
- ☐ Becoming a volunteer
- ☐ Providing a summer activity

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Food that's in when school is out!



Helping children in your community in Getting to Proficiency for their educational future.

## The Summer Food Service Program for Children



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## Welcome to the Summer Food Service Program!



Learning does not end when school lets out, neither does the need for good nutrition. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is good, nutritious food to ensure that children receive meals during long school vacations, when they do not have access to school lunch or breakfast.

Nearly 14 million children depend on free and reduced-price school meals for 9 months out of the year. We know that many of them are at nutritional risk during the months when their schools are closed for vacation. Unfortunately, only about 2.3 million children participate in SFSP each day.

Clearly, the nutrition needs of a large number of children who depend on free and reduced-price meals during school are not being met in the summer. Good nutrition is essential for learning. Without your help, these children may not return to school ready to learn.

The SFSP is the single largest Federal resource available for local sponsors who want to combine a feeding program with a summer activity program. Why not take advantage of this valuable resource to provide nutritious meals to the children in your community?

Please join us in supporting children by becoming a partner in the SFSP. This brochure will give you more information on how you can participate.

## How does the SFSP work?



The SFSP is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), an agency of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). FNS decides overall program policy and publishes regulations rates. The State Agency approves sponsor applications, conducts training of sponsors, monitors operations, and payments.

Sponsors sign an agreement with their State Agency to run the program, and USDA reimburses sponsors for serving meals that meet Federal nutritional guidelines. Sponsors are reimbursed by USDA, based on the number of meals they serve and their documented costs of running the program. All meals are served free to eligible children.

Sponsors must be organizations that are fully capable of managing a food service program, but a number of entities may qualify, including: public or private nonprofit schools; units of local, municipal, county, tribal, or State government; private nonprofit organizations; public or private nonprofit camps; public or private nonprofit universities or colleges, churches, etc.



## Who is eligible for free meals?

All children 18 years of age or younger who come to an approved open site or to an eligible enrolled site may receive meals.

At camps, the children who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals may receive SFSP meals. People over age 18 who are enrolled in school programs for persons with disabilities may also receive meals.

## What is a Site?

A site is the physical location approved by the State Agency, where SFSP meals are served during a supervised time period. There are six types of sites:



Type of Site	
<b>Open</b>	At open sites, at least half of the children in the area are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals. The State Agency can provide access to this information.
<b>Enrolled</b>	At an enrolled site, at least half the children enrolled in the program are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals. You must collect income information.
<b>Camp</b>	At a camp, regularly scheduled food service is offered as part of a residential or day camp program.
<b>Migrant</b>	Migrant sites primarily serve children of migrant workers and all children are welcome.
<b>NYSP</b>	Colleges or universities participating in the National Youth Sports Program.

Meal service sites may be located in a variety of settings, including schools, recreations centers, playgrounds, parks, churches, community centers, day camps, residential summer camps, housing projects, and migrant centers, or on Indian reservations.